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IN ITS JULY 24 EDITION OFFICIAL DAILY LE NOUVEAU MONDE FEATURED
A FRONT PAGE SUMMARY OF VISITING OAS SECRETARY GENERAL ALEJANDRO
ORFILA'S JULY 22 PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH HE REFERRED TO
HUMAN RIGHTS, CUBA'S RETURN TO THE ORGANIZATION, AND CHARTER
REFORM.

ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SAID THE PAPER, ORIFLA MAINTAINED THAT IT WAS
"A POLITICAL QUESTION THAT CONCERNS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND NOT
ME, AS I HAVE NO POLITICAL FUNCTIONS." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT
THE OAS CHARTER "CONTAINS THE BEST OF THE DECLARATIONS ON
HUMAN RIGHTS AND ITS APPLICATION CAN BE NOTHING BUT POSITIVE."

COMMENTING ON THE U.S.-SPONSORED RESOLUTION AT GRENADA, ORFILA
SAID THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION TO THIS RESOLUTION. THOSE COUNTRIES
WHICH CHOSE TO ABSTAIN EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE SPECIAL LOCAL
CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH ACCOUNT FOR A DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION.

ORFILA GAVE TWO CONDITIONS FOR CUBA'S RETURN TO THE OAS:
THAT OAS MEMBERS AGREE TO LIFT SANCTIONS VOTED AGAINST CUBA IN
1962; AND THAT CUBA DESIRE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. THE FACT THAT
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SOME HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES SEEK TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH CUBA
CANNOT BUT CREATE A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE, HE ADDED.

ON OAS REFORM ORFILA SAID THE ORGANIZATION HAD TO ADAPT
TO TODAY'S NEEDS. THE PRINCIPLE OF "IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM"
HAD TO BE INCLUDED, AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE
ECONOMIC SECURITY WHICH IS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION.

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